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Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

I am writing to you in vehement protest of the proposed construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, Washington.

I understand that such a project will be extremely detrimental to the environment of this region, on both sides of the international border. If built, this plant will emit more than 200 TONS OF NITROUS OXIDE, 100 TONS OF AMMONIA, 200 TONS OF PARTICULATE MATTER, 90 TONS OF CARBON MONOXIDE PER YEAR, and 2.16 MILLION TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE, PER YEAR!! This is not a small project, and these calculations do not even take into consideration the accumulative, residual or secondary effects of these emissions.

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I believe that the environmental impact study document prepared by Sumas Energy 2 for its application to the National Energy Board (Canada) and the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council is flawed. Several experts have commented publicly on the document's absence of specific material integral to informed decision-making, and blatant errors exist regarding the effects of such a project on issues of human health. Furthermore, this document has (in several publicized incidents) been presented by the corporation in question in an atmosphere of "misinformation", particularly where the official reception of the City of Abbotsford is concerned.

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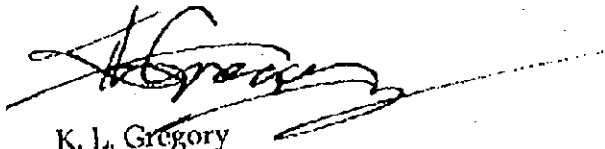
The area northeast of the proposed plant site -- an area to which these toxic emissions will naturally drift -- is already known to have some of the worst air pollution problems in Canada. Additionally, the proposed energy plant intends to consume vast quantities of water drawn from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer. Given that farming is an extensive industry on both sides of the international border, the consequent depletion of this region's aquifer by the proposed plant would drastically reduce the sources of well-water available to the rural residents and agricultural operations already established in the area.

Additionally, the proposal by Sumas Energy 2 clearly contains plans to use the City of Abbotsford as both an "energy thoroughfare" and a "dumping ground". I am absolutely opposed to the proposed placement of transmission lines through this region, for several reasons -- not the least of which is that the same transmission lines are rejected by the authorities of neighbouring Whatcom County, WA, due to health, environmental and economic concerns!! These same concerns exist in this region of

British Columbia. Similarly, I am opposed to Sumas Energy 2's assumption that solid &/or chemical contaminates and effluent may be conveniently disposed of into the Fraser River via the JAMES treatment plant, located in the City of Abbotsford. Like the air quality of the Fraser Valley and surrounding regions, this river's water has been heavily polluted through years of industrialization and residential development. The realization of this proposal by the US company Sumas Energy 2 would substantially contribute to this ongoing problem in the Canadian context, but would not contribute to the economic basis required for environmental clean-up and restoration programmes.

As a resident of the City of Abbotsford, and one of the people to whom the construction of this project would be most detrimental, I wish to register my opposition to the proposed energy plant by Sumas Energy 2. I would ask you to consider my voice as you engage in this decision-making process, and urge you to recognize the significant and valid health & environmental concerns shared by citizens on both sides of the border. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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